Watershed Information Center & Conservancy OF NAPA COUNTY

Members

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, June 28, 2007 4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room, Hall of Justice Building, 1125 Third Street, Napa CA

Staff Representatives

Patrick Lowe, Secretary Deputy Director. Conservation Div., CDPD

Jeff Sharp,

Watershed Coordinator Planner III.

Conservation Div., CDPD

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Alternate

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Jeffrey Redding

Robert Steinhauer

Charles Slutzkin Marc Pandone

Harold Moskowite

 $*pending\ confirmation$

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (Chairman)

Welcome and introduction of **Chris Sauer**, newly appointed public at large member.

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Meeting of March 22, 2007 and April 26, 2007 (Chairman)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Board/Staff)

- Department of Water Resources accepts Napa County's application for CalFed Watershed Program funding; award decisions expected by September 1, 2007 (Staff)
- b. Napa County Resource Conservation District completes 2006 Salmon Spawning Report for the Napa River (Staff)
- c. Others (Board/Staff)

5. UPDATES/REPORTS:

- a. Update on the County General Plan Update process and timeline, and Steering Committee activities (Staff)
- b. Update on Coordinated Permitting, agency meetings and efforts to simplify streambank restoration and enhancement projects in the Napa River watershed (Staff)

- c. Update on Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission activities and upcoming grant application period (Staff)
- d. Update on Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA) partnership activities (Staff)
- e. Others (Board/Staff)

6. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF:

- a. Update, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding pending State Board approval of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Napa River, the Regional Water Quality Control Board's Basin Planning process, and other State and Regional water quality policy developments (Staff)
- b. WICC Sub-committee Report on the County's Draft General Plan Update and EIR for consideration, discussion, and possible direction to authorize the Chair to submit comments relating to watershed management and water quality (Sub-committee Members/Staff)
- c. WICC Sub-committee Report on Strategic Plan Update for Goal #3 and revised WICC Organizational Chart for discussion, direction and possible approval of the Strategic Plan (Sub-committee Members/Staff)

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – ACORN SOUPE'S MISSION, YOUTH PROGRAMS, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND MORE:

A presentation by the Executive Director of Acorn Soupe (http://www.acornsoupe.org/) and how their works to fulfill its mission to "connect children and our community to nature through hands-on education" (Acorn Soupe/Staff)

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (Board/Staff)

- a. Napa Firewise presentation scheduled for July meeting (Napa County Fire/CDF)
- b. Others (Board/Staff)

9. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular Board Meeting: <u>July 26, 2007 – 4:00 PM</u>
Hall of Justice Building, 2nd floor Conference Room, 1125 Third Street, Napa

10. ADJOURNMENT (Chairman)

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Napa County General Plan Update Proposed Review/Planning Process

<u>Date</u>	Meeting/Event & Subject(s) for Discussion ¹
May 30, 2007	Steering Committee Meeting: Planning process; public hearing; and summary of population & employment projections used in DEIR if time
June 6, 2007:	Planning Commission Meeting: Planning process; and summary of population & employment projections used in DEIR if desired
June 12, 2007	Joint Meeting of the Planning Commission & the Board of Supervisors: Planning process
June 14, 2007	Special 6PM Planning Commission Meeting: public hearing
June 18, 2007	End of the public comment period
June 27, 2007	Steering Committee Meeting: Overview/discussion of comments and any changes in emphasis/direction desired; Safety Element Revisions
July 18, 2007	Planning Commission Meeting: Overview/discussion of comments; Angwin General Plan policies & map
July 25, 2007	Steering Committee Meeting: Review June 27 minutes & transmit revised Safety Element to the Planning Commission; discuss revisions to the Land Use Element (omitting the Angwin, American Canyon, and Transitional/growth management issues that will be heard by the Planning Commission)
August 1, 2007	Planning Commission Meeting: American Canyon growth boundary policies & map
August 8, 2007	Steering Committee Meeting: Review July 25 minutes & transmit revised Land Use Element to the Planning Commission; discuss revisions to the Rec&OS Element
August 15, 2007	Planning Commission Meeting: follow-up to the Angwin and American Canyon meetings if needed
August 29, 2007	Steering Committee Meeting: Review August 8, 2007 minutes & transmit revised Rec&OS Element to the Planning Commission; discuss revisions to the Conservation Element

September 5, 2007	Planning Commission Meeting: "Transitional" land use designation & growth management policies					
September 26, 2007	Steering Committee Meeting: review August 29 minutes & transmit revised Conservation Element to the Planning Commission; discuss revisions to the Circulation element					
October 3, 2007	Planning Commission Meeting: Land Use Element as a whole					
October 10, 2007	Steering Committee Meeting: Review September 26 minutes & transmit revised Circulation element to the Planning Commission; discuss revisions to the Community Character element					
October 16, 2007	Joint Meeting of the Planning Commission & the Board of Supervisors: Outstanding Land Use Issues					
October 31, 2007	Steering Committee Meeting: Review October 10 minutes & transmit revised Comm Char element to the Planning Commission; discuss revisions to the Economic Development element					
November 7, 2007	Planning Commission Meeting: Implementation & Overview Sections					
November 14, 2007	Planning Staff refers conforming changes to the Housing Element to the Planning Commission for review					
November 21, 2007	Consolidated plan document & Final EIR (including Response to Comments) distributed; SB 18 notice					
December 5, 2007	Planning Commission Meeting: Consolidated plan: internal consistency & outstanding issues					
January 8, 2008	Joint Meeting of the Planning Commission & the Board of Supervisors: Discussion of Outstanding Issues					
January 16, 2008	Planning Commission Meeting: Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors & ALUC Compatibility Determinations					
February 5, 2008	Board of Supervisors: Certify EIR; adopt GP amendment; place Measure J items on the June ballot					
June 3, 2008	Election Day					
June 27, 2008	Printed copies of adopted General Plan available					

¹ Note: Additional check-ins with the Board of Supervisors may be desirable throughout the process and can be scheduled as needed.

Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission

Members

Stephen Rae Niki Hall Janet Barth George Carl Heather Phillips Stephen Orndorf Bob Soper

AGENDA

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 25, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. Kennedy Park at the end of Streblow Drive Main Parking Lot/Whatley Grove Picnic Tables Napa, CA

Staff Representatives

Patrick Lowe Secretary Deputy Director Conservation Div., CDPD

Daniel Zador Planner II Conservation Div., CDPD

1. Call to Order (Chairman)

2. Public Comment

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- 3. **Approval of Minutes**: Meeting of October 2, 2006
- 4. Review, discussion and possible action to adopt the updated WCC bylaws
- 5. Review, discussion and possible action to update Grant Application/Selection Criteria
- 6. Review and discussion of updated budget information
- 7. Discussion of recruitment for a new Youth Representative
- 8. Presentation on the Napa River Trail between American Canyon and Napa, and possible discussion and action on a letter in support of the trail
- 9. Future Agenda Items
- 10. Next Meeting date: August 20, 2007
- 11. Commence field trip on the Napa River
- 12. Adjournment

State Water Resources Control Board



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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR PATHOGENS IN THE NAPA RIVER WATERSHED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will now accept comments on an amendment to the Basin Plan that would establish a TMDL and implementation plan for pathogens in the Napa River Watershed. Both the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (San Francisco Bay Water Board's) amendment and the State Water Board item language and draft resolution are available on the State Water Board's Web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/tmdl/tmdl.html or can be received by mail by contacting Mitchell Goode at (916) 341-5726. The State Water Board will send a notice of a future meeting at which the item will be considered.

Resolution No. R2-2006-0079, adopted on November 13, 2006 by the San Francisco Bay Water Board, modified the regulatory provisions of the Basin Plan by establishing the TMDL and implementation plan to reduce pathogen-related risks to humans and restore and protect water quality and beneficial uses.

Comment letters <u>must be received by 12 p.m. on **June 29, 2007**.</u> After the June deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional written comments unless the State Water Board determines that such comments should be accepted. Please send comments to: Song Her, Clerk to the Board, by email at <u>commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov</u>, by fax at (916) 341-5620, or addressed to State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Please also indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter—Napa River Pathogens TMDL."

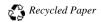
Please direct questions about this notice to Mitchell Goode, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5726 (mgoode@waterboards.ca.gov) or Senior Staff Counsel Steven H. Blum at (916) 341-5177 or (SBlum@waterboards.ca.gov).

June 11, 2007

Date

Song Her
Clerk to the Board

California Environmental Protection Agency





Strategic Plan Update

2007 WATER BOARDS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The California Water Boards have begun an effort to update their Strategic Plan. A series of forums have been conducted to receive input from stakeholders and staff. Stakeholders provided their perspectives at a Statewide Strategic Plan Summit March 12-13, 2007, to address issues and trends relating to water quality and water rights. They identified key areas of focus for the Water Boards to consider in their planning for the next five years. A summit dedicated to Regional and State Water Board staff input occurred April 16-17, 2007.

Each Regional Water Board has hosted a public outreach meeting between April and June 2007 to discuss the input received during the statewide summits. The dates/locations of these meetings are available below. If you were unable to attend the summit or a regional public meeting, you have an opportunity to contribute your ideas to us online through a forum available at PROVIDE INPUT THROUGH THE INTERNET FORUM. We welcome your active participation in our planning process to contribute your ideas and insights on the future direction the Water Boards should pursue in the coming five years.

The workbook used for the interactive discussions at the stakeholder summit, and the proceedings from the summit are available below. The workbook used for the interactive discussions at the regional outreach meetings is also available below. Summaries of the regional meeting inputs will be posted when available.

Workshop for San Francisco Bay Region

Date: June 13, 2007Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board
 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA

o Contact Information

RWQCB/SWRCB	Timeline														0"
Policy/Program	<u>Fal 06</u>	<u>Win 07</u>	<u>Spr 07</u>	<u>Sum 07</u>	<u>Fal 07</u>	Win 08	<u>Spr 08</u>	<u>Sum 08</u>	<u>Fal 08</u>	<u>Win 09</u>	<u>Spr 09</u>	<u>Sum 09</u>	<u>Fal 09</u>	<u>Win 10</u>	<u>Compliance</u> <u>Deadline</u>
Pathogen TMDL RWQCB (2)	Region Board Adoption Mtg. (11/13/06)		State Board Public Comment (6/29/07)	Hearing/	Development of Waiver of WDRs	EPA/ Office of Adim. Law	Completion of Waiver of WDRs								2008 - 2010
Link to more information															
Sediment TMDL RWQCB (2)		Region Board Adoption (1/23/07)			Adoption	Development of Waiver of WDRs	EPA/ Office of Adim. Law (tentative)	Completion of Waiver of WDRs							2012
Link to more information															
Nutrient TMDL RWQCB (2)					Region Board Hearing/ Public Comment	Region Board Adoption (Tentative)				Development of Waiver of WDRs		Completion of Waiver of WDRs			
Link to more information															
Instream Flow Policy SWRCB Division of Water Rights	Draft Policy/ Public Comment/ Workshops		Final Draft Policy/Public Comment			State Board Hearing/ Adoption (Deadline 1/1/08)	Development of Waiver of WDRs		Completion of Waiver of WDRs						
Link to more information															
Stream & Wetland Protection Policy RWQCB (1 & 2)	NOP/Public Comment (5/31)	Policy Update	Policy Workshop		Draft Policy/ Public Comment		Region Board Hearing/ Adoption				Development of Waiver of WDRs	EPA/ Office of Adim. Law (tentative)	Completion of Waiver of WDRs		
Link to more information															
Mercury Fish Tissue TMDL (San Pablo Bay) RWQCB (2)	Region Board Adoption (8/9/06)		State Board Public Comment (4/4/07)		Development of Waiver of WDRs		Completion of Waiver of WDRs								2017
Link to more information															
Conditional Waiver for Discharges from Irrigated Lands RWQCB (5) [Putah Creek Watershed Group]	Program	General Prog. Membership Mtg. (1/18/07)	Report Due to				Forth Annual Monitoring Report Due to RWQCB				Fifth Annual Monitoring Report Due to RWQCB				Effective 2005
Link to more information															

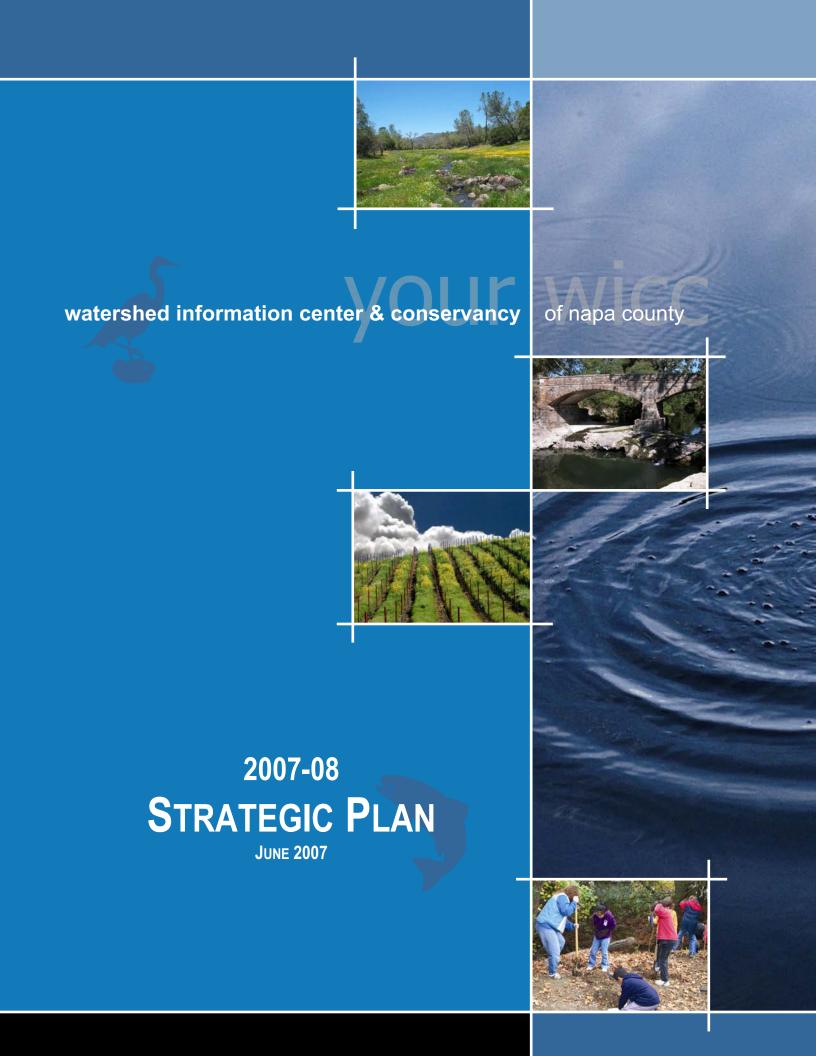
SWRCB - State Water Resources Control Board

RWQCB - Regional Water Quality Control Board (1 = North Coast, 2 = San Francisco Bay, 5 = Central Valley)

NOP - Notice of Preparation

WDR - Waste Discharge Requirements

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Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) of Napa County DRAFT 2007-08 Strategic Plan June 2007

Mission Statement

The Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) of Napa County educates and supports the community in its efforts to maintain and improve the health of Napa County's watershed lands.

Role and Responsibility

The WICC Board serves as an advisory committee to Napa County Board of Supervisors. The role of the WICC is to assist the Board of Supervisors in their decision-making process and serve as a conduit for citizen input by gathering, analyzing and recommending options related to the management of watershed resources. In that capacity, the WICC has a responsibility to publicly evaluate and discuss matters they have been requested to review and comment upon by the Board of Supervisors. The WICC is not authorized to sign contracts, disburse funds, implement programs, employ or consider any personnel matter or act in any other capacity that involves the direct management or operation of a County program. The Board of Supervisors has charged the WICC (under Resolution 02-103 and through verbal direction) with making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to watershed restoration projects and resource protection activities, coordination of land acquisition, and development of a long-term watershed resource management program providing public outreach and education, monitoring coordination, inventory and assessment, and data management.

Vision 2025

"Napa County's watersheds will maintain a balance of natural processes to support healthy native fisheries, an abundance of native plants and wildlife, and water quality that meets state standards. The Napa River and its tributaries, no longer listed as impaired, will be a nation-wide example of what a community, working together, can do to improve the health of its watersheds.

The Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County will be a guiding force in creating a shared, community-wide understanding of Napa County's watershed lands. Having educated a generation of community members about the county's watersheds, all of Napa County's residents will be conscious of the critical balance between agriculture and development, and ecological and natural processes that must be maintained in order to assure continued watershed health.

A network of active creek and land stewardship groups and watershed organizations will carry out watershed monitoring, enhancement projects and management activities. The majority of the County's watershed lands will be certified as "Watershed-Friendly" and those landowners will be among the most conscious of watershed stewards, consistently monitoring and managing their lands for watershed health.

The state-of-the-art WICC WebCenter will be accessible, understandable and user friendly, allowing everyone from school children to scientists access to the most current, valid and vivid information about Napa County's watersheds. This accurate and straightforward information will allow users to weigh scientific facts and recognize community values to make well-informed management decisions."

Guiding Principles

- 1. The WICC collects and disseminates the best possible information to aid decision-making and is part of the solution to watershed issues and concerns.
- 2. The WICC provides tools, information and education so that all members of the community can discover and understand their watershed.
- 3. Collaboration is the most effective way to accomplish the mission of the WICC. All organizations and individuals working to restore and enhance Napa County's watersheds are encouraged to participate in the WICC.
- 4. The WICC supports the restoration activities of other watershed restoration organizations and facilitates cooperation among them.
- 5. Participation in the WICC and provision of information to the WICC WebCenter is done voluntarily by agencies, organizations, and individuals.
- 6. The WICC seeks and accepts funding from foundations, private individuals, organizations, and local, state, and federal government to address its financial needs and to further its mission and goals.
- 7. Actions by the WICC remain politically neutral to successfully accomplish its mission and vision for Napa County's watersheds

Strategic Plan Focus Areas

This plan is organized into five planning focus areas. Each area includes a Goal, Strategies, Potential Measures of Success and Suggested Strategic Plan Actions. The focus areas are not mutually exclusive and should be considered complementary to one another and to the overall mission of the WICC. The five focus areas considered for strategic planning purposes are:

Watershed Conservation & Management (WCM)

Watershed Information Center and Conservancy Website (WEB)

Communication, Coordination & Partnerships (CCP)

Education & Outreach (EDU)

Organizational Structure and Funding (OSF)

Watershed Conservation & Management (WCM)

Goal

Improve watershed health throughout the entirety of Napa County, which includes its cities and towns, by supporting community efforts to protect and enhance all watershed lands and natural processes with an emphasis on riparian corridor and native species and their habitats.

Strategies

- Identify, conduct and coordinate watershed studies and monitoring that will improve the community's understanding and management of its watershed resources.
- Identify key watershed areas for restoration, enhancement, and/or permanent protection.
- · Work with and support landowners, citizen organizations, districts and agencies to permanently protect key watershed lands.

Potential Measures of Success (*)

- Removal of Napa County's "water quality limited" water bodies from California's Sec. 303(d) list established under the Clean Water Act.
- Implementation of long-term/baseline monitoring as identified in a countywide Watershed Monitoring Strategy.
- Implementation of improved management practices based upon monitoring results, feedback and adaptive management principles.
- Development of a specified number of creek/drainage management/enhancement plans.
- Miles of creek restored and/or fish barriers removed.
- Number of acres maintaining a 'natural fire cycle' status.
- Increased numbers and vitality of native fish populations.
- Identification of lands actively improving native species growth.

(*) Measures of Success will be quantified as detailed plans for each action are developed.

Suggested Strategic Plan Actions

Priority One Actions

Action WCM1: Assist with the development and implementation of a streamlined permitting process.

Priority Two Actions

Action WCM2 (Recurring):
Provide monthly updates on the
WICC WebCenter about the
status of the Watershed
Monitoring Strategy and the
Watershed Management
Strategy.

Action WCM3: Complete the Countywide Watershed Management Strategy. Prioritize and incorporate the recommended management actions into the WICC's Strategic Plan.

Priority Three Actions

Action WCM4: Initiate a program supported by the WICC that identifies and publicizes "Healthy Watershed Demonstration Sites" for residential, agricultural, and business properties.

As-Needed Actions

Action WCM5: Support the Land Trust of Napa County and other potential conservation easement holders with easement acquisition efforts.

Watershed Information Center and Conservancy Website (WEB)

Goal

Maintain an understandable, interesting, and user friendly website that provides high-quality environmental data and information allowing the community to better understand and manage the County's watersheds.

Strategies

- Increase community awareness of the information and services available via the WICC WebCenter (www.napawatersheds.org).
- Ensure that the data and information on the WICC WebCenter is accurate and current so that it is most effective in informing decisions and meeting community's needs.

Potential Measures of Success (*)

- Number of webpage hits & quantity of information exchanged.
- Number of organizations hosted/linked on the WICC WebCenter.

· Number of calendar events posted.

- Number of individual users registered on the WICC WebCenter.
- (*) Measures of Success will be quantified as detailed plans for each action are developed.

Suggested Strategic Plan Actions

Priority One Actions

Action WEB1: Continually improve upon the WICC WebCenter, making it more user-friendly and attractive.

Priority Two Actions

Action WEB2 (Recurring): On a monthly basis add any new data to the WICC WebCenter that has been developed and maintain the website as necessary.

Priority Three Actions

Action WEB5 (Recurring):
Annually survey a cross section
WICC WebCenter users including
watershed organizations,
educators, urban and rural
residents and members of the
agricultural community to identify
what works well and what needs
improving. Conduct this survey
prior to implementing the annual
Strategic Plan update and
incorporate agreed-upon changes
into the revised Strategic Plan
(and ultimately the WebCenter).

As-Needed Actions

Action WEB7: As new organizations register on the WICC WebCenter, gather the following information to be incorporated into the WebCenter: a) Links from the WICC WebCenter to the organization's website; b) Roles and services that the organization provides; c) Watershed projects (monitoring, restoration, and enhancement), studies and educational efforts being conducted by the organization; and d) If available, provide an additional link from the WICC WebCenter's volunteer activities section to each organization's volunteer opportunities section.

Action WEB3 (Recurring):

Update the website annually to reflect the comments received from the WICC's Community and Technical Advisory Committees.

Action WEB6 (Recurring):

Request an annual review of the WICC WebCenter by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to identify what works well and what needs improving from a technical and scientific user perspective. Conduct this survey prior to implementing the annual Strategic Plan update and incorporate agreed-upon changes into the revised Strategic Plan, as well as the WebCenter.

Action WEB4: Solicit sponsors for the WICC WebCenter.

Communication, Coordination & Partnerships (CCP)

Goal

Build and strengthen effective partnerships to foster communication, coordination and involvement among all those working to improve the health of Napa County's watersheds.

Strategies

- Coordinate and facilitate watershed planning, research, and monitoring efforts among Napa County organizations, agencies, landowners, and citizen organizations to limit gaps and overlaps and improve consistency between watershed-related activities.
- Support organizations with a watershed restoration focus.
- Serve as a clearinghouse and coordinator for watershed activities and involvement.

Potential Measures of Success (*)

- Number of watershed-related projects that involve partnerships.
- Number of organizations participating in the WICC's "Community Advisory Committee."
- Number of organizations contributing to WICC WebCenter.
- Number of new grants funded through increased involvement, coordination and leveraging among watershed organizations.

(*) Measures of Success will be quantified as detailed plans for each action are developed.

Suggested Strategic Plan Actions

Priority One Actions

Action CCP1 (Recurring): Provide training in the use of the WICC WebCenter to local watershed groups. Seek feedback from these organizations regarding ways to improve the website to meet watershed stewardship needs, as well as the changing needs of the community.

Priority Two Actions

Action CCP2 (Recurring):

Annually survey each watershedrelated organization contributing to the WICC to identify watershed projects (monitoring, restoration, and enhancement), watershed assessments, studies and educational efforts being conducted throughout Napa County. Post this information on the WICC WebCenter to allow organizations to coordinate and collaborate more effectively on a wide range of watershed projects and activities. Maintain and annually update this information to identify overlaps and gaps in projects, activities, and services provided by these organizations, and ways in which the WICC could remedy these gaps and

Action CCP3: Develop and post on the WICC WebCenter a directory of watershed organizations and partnerships.

overlaps. Consider including the areas of greatest need as future priority actions in the WICC

Strategic Plan.

Priority Three Actions

Action CCP4: Establish a WICC 'Community Advisory Committee' where interested community members, organizations, watershed groups, and land managers could come together to discuss projects and programs throughout the County's watersheds. This Advisory Committee would also serve as a networking opportunity for these groups and individuals to meet and discuss potential opportunities for collaboration. It also provides a home for ongoing community discussions about the pros and cons of various approaches to watershed management.

As-Needed Actions

Action CCP7: Provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for letters of support to watershed organizations seeking grant funding.
Recommendation for support from the WICC indicates broad community support for watershed proposals and will increase the likelihood of project funding.

Action CCP5: Hold a grant-writing seminars for watershed organizations.

Action CCP6: Create a section of the WICC WebCenter dedicated to assisting local watershed groups with increasing organizational effectiveness and capacity.

Education & Outreach (EDU)

Goal

Enable the community - those who live in, work in and visit the County's watersheds - to understand the importance of watershed stewardship and watershed health and be actively involved in improving the health of the County's watersheds.

Strategies

- Provide targeted watershed conservation and stewardship-related education and information to various subsets of the community including the agricultural community, educators, urban and rural residents, and sub-watershed organizations of Napa County.
- Support appropriate public access to Napa County's watershed lands where suitable to build appreciation and understanding of the County's watersheds and their resources.

Potential Measures of Success (*)

- Numbers of presentations to community organizations/groups.
- Number of watershed events listed on the monthly calendar.
- Number of Napa County students and classroom groups that participate in watershed-related education programs.
- Establishment of Watershed Demonstration Sites for agricultural, residential and commercial properties.
- Number of homeowners, farmers, vintners, grape growers, and business owners participating in various known watershed stewardship and conservation programs.
- Number of respondents to WICC online surveys.
- Participation in events celebrating Watershed Awareness Month.
- Number of brochures distributed in target audience categories.
- Number of sub-watershed stewardship groups established in Napa County.
- Number of individuals participating in watershed hikes, outings and guided tours of the County's watershed lands.

As-Needed Actions

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Suggested Strategic Plan Actions

Action EDU1 (Recurring): Update the watershed events calendar on a weekly basis. Include all watershed related events including seminars; monitoring and volunteer days; opportunities for residents to attend guided tours of watershed lands and demonstration projects; and watershed festivals and related public events.

Priority One Actions

Priority Two Actions

Action EDU4: Implement targeted education and outreach strategy for educators and students.

Priority Three Actions

Action EDU6: Implement a targeted education and outreach strategy for agriculturalists.

Action EDU2: Provide information to the community on regional issues such as TMDL's and related State water quality policies, as well as the directive of the Regional Water Quality Control Board to promote water quality objectives outlined in the Region's (SF Bay and Central Valley) Basin Plan(s) as required under the Clean Water Act throughout the waters of Napa County.

Action EDU5: Work with the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) and similar organizations to identify creeks/drainages in Napa County without a watershed stewardship groups. Create a mailing list of landowners within these subwatershed drainages and provide support to the RCD and others to establish watershed stewardship groups and watershed programs within these areas.

Action EDU7: Work with watershed organizations and agencies that are currently providing educational programming and curricula to schools to identify opportunities to expand existing programs and build connections with the watershed stewardship and watershed demonstration site programs.

Action EDU3: Implement a targeted education and outreach strategy for urban and rural residents.

Action EDU8: Establish a permanent physical location for the WICC.

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Education & Outreach (EDU)

Suggested Strategic Plan Actions (Cont.)

Priority One Actions

Priority Two Actions

Priority Three Actions

As-Needed Actions

Action EDU9: Establish a "Watershed Stewards Program" based upon watershed-related best management practices that participants would implement based upon property type and use.

Action EDU10: Implement a targeted education and outreach strategy for watershed groups.

Organizational Structure and Funding (OSF)

Goal

Obtain adequate resources and establish the appropriate organizational structure to ensure the WICC's long-term success.

Strategies

- Secure reliable long-term (i.e., permanent) funding to fulfill the mission and goals of the WICC.
- Develop adequate coordination and management staff, Board membership, volunteers, and Community and Technical Advisory Committee participation, to guide, support and conduct WICC activities.
- Establish an organizational structure that suits the mission and goals of the WICC.

Potential Measures of Success (*)

- Dollars acquired through grant funding in support of WICC activities.
- Dollars of sustained local (i.e., County, City, District) funding.
- · Number WICC coordinating staff.

- Permanent physical (visual and accessible) location for WICC.
- · Dollars acquired from all forms of fundraising.
- Dollars acquired from charitable donations, gifts and foundations.

(*) Measures of Success will be quantified as detailed plans for each action are developed.

Suggested Strategic Plan Actions

Priority One Actions

Action OSF1: Identify potential grant opportunities and sources of funding for the Priority 1 actions in the 2007-08 WICC Strategic Plan.

Priority Two Actions

Action OSF4: Identify funding sources for staff and project-related funding including maintenance of the WICC WebCenter and funding for a physical WICC office.

Priority Three Actions

Action OSF7: At each WICC Board Meeting dedicate a portion of the meeting to educating the board on watershed-related issues and potential WICC roles in addressing these issues and watershed management opportunities.

As-Needed Actions

Action OSF10: Convene ad-hoc committees as needed to address special watershed management issues.

Action OSF2 (Recurring):

Provide an annual update to the Napa County Board of Supervisors about the current activities and successes of the WICC. Update should stress the benefits and values of the WICC to the community.

Action OSF5 (Recurring):

Annually update the WICC Strategic Plan. Revisit actions from the prior years plan, identify new actions as needed and reprioritize all actions. Assign timeframes and responsibilities to each action. Identify potential sources of funding for each Priority 1 item.

Action OSF8: Hold a WICC Board session to evaluate the pros and cons of the WICC holding conservation easements. Should the WICC Board decide that it does not want to hold easements of any type, consider changing the name of the organization to the WIC (Watershed Information Center) thereby deleting the Conservancy portion of the title that relates to land conservation.

Action OSF3: Identify and initiate actions needed to implement the WICC's new organizational structure as depicted on the WICC's Organizational Chart; including development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County, Cities, Town and Districts interested in supporting the WICC as an Advisory Board to their respective organizations.

Further explore the establishment of a nonprofit arm or "foundation fund" for the WICC to facilitate the acceptance of charitable donations in support of the WICC's mission and goals.

OS6: Explore additional funding sources including donations and sponsorships, membership dues, fee for service opportunities, fundraising, dedicated funding and open space district funding, once the district is formed.

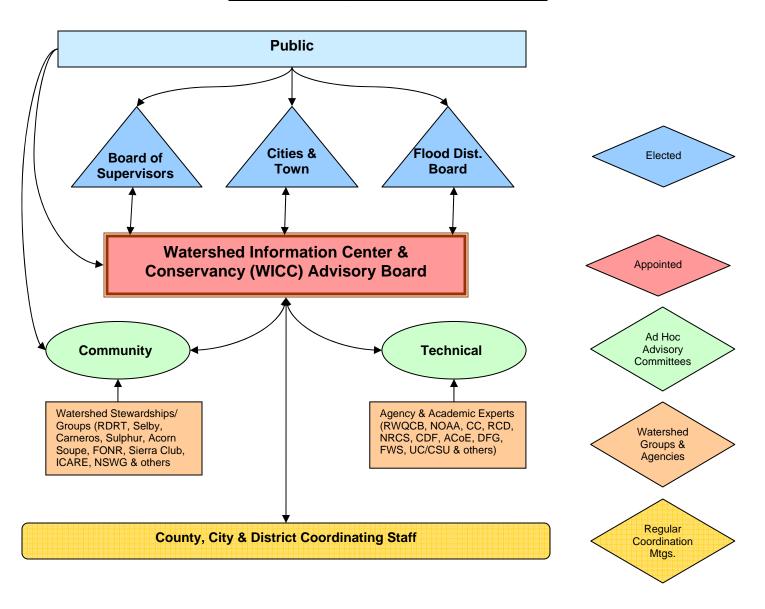
Action OSF9: Develop a strategy to recruit and train WICC volunteers.

Many Contribute to the Success of the WICC

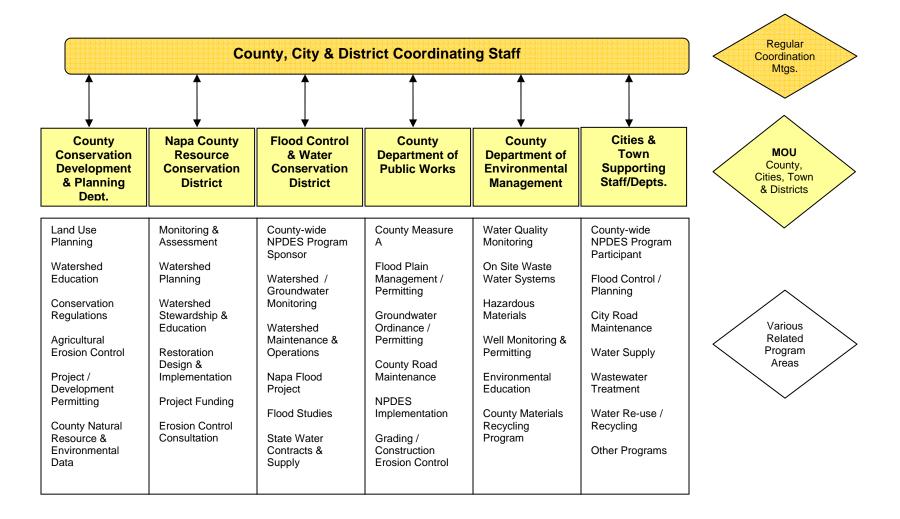
The commitment and involvement of these and many others contributes directly to the merit and achievement of the WICC's mission



WICC Organization Chart



Coordinating and Support Staff



Example Support Roles for Coordinating Staff

- Coordinating Staff would facilitate and enable the WICC to serve as an advisory board to Board of Supervisors, Flood and Water Conservation Board, and City and Town Councils.
- The County Conservation Development and Planning Department (Conservation Division) would coordinate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County, Cities, Town and Districts interested in supporting the WICC as an Advisory Board to their respective organizations.
- Individual organizations under the MOU, as well as those participating in the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), may hold grants and/or contracts for work in the interest of the WICC.
- MOU agencies (Coordinating Staff) would meet monthly to discuss related project areas and coordinate staff support for the WICC Board and its advisory committees.
- MOU agencies (Coordinating Staff) would participate in cooperatively reviewing requests (and application) for funding, collaborate
 on Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP), and work together to better define and provide available services to
 watershed and stewardship groups throughout Napa County.
- JPAs or other contracts/agreements among MOU agencies may exist to provide efficiencies where needed but would be independent of WICC.
- The Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) would facilitate the Community and Technical Advisory Committees on an ad hoc (as needed) basis. At minimum the Community and Technical Advisory Committees would meet quarterly.